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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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REMARKS

The JP '445 reference and the JP '321 reference are cited at pages 1 and 2 of the specification, respectively, and are believed allowable for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese patent documents are not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. English abstracts obtained from a commercial database also are enclosed for each Japanese reference as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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